# Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

#### Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The expansion of broadband access is a key piece of promoting greater educational and business opportunities for all Americans. As you have stated, our nation faces a "spectrum crunch" that threatens to stifle broadband innovation, investment, and job creation in the wireless industry, and we agree with you. Congressional passage of spectrum legislation earlier this year was a critical step toward expanded broadband spectrum capacity. In the near term, however, the Commission should make every effort to utilize unused, available spectrum for commercial mobile broadband services. We believe an ideal opportunity exists in the S-Band of the 2 Gigahertz Mobile Satellite Service spectrum.

To that end, as the Commission moves forward with rulemaking, we support its efforts to enhance mobile broadband services in the S-Band, and we believe that it would be in the public interest to act as swiftly as practicable. We applaud the Commission for recently approving the transfer of the two S-Band licenses – formerly held by DBSD and TerreStar – to DISH Network. That approval puts 40 Megahertz of previously underutilized spectrum in the hands of an established Colorado company that intends to launch a mobile broadband service and compete in the wireless market.

We are pleased that the Commission's recently announced rulemaking might let S-Band licensees provide terrestrial-based mobile broadband service in a more efficient manner than current rules permit. We encourage the Commission to complete the rulemaking as expeditiously as possible, which could go a long a way toward alleviating the "spectrum crunch," while spurring innovation, creating thousands of jobs, and offering a meaningful competitive choice to consumers.

Sincerely,

Mark Udall United States Senator Michael F. Bennet United States Senator

Diana DeGette

United States Representative

Scott Tipton
United States Representative

Doug Lamborn

United States Representative

Mike Coffma\_\_\_\_

United States Representative

Ed Perlmutter

United States Representative

Cory Gardner

United States Representative

Jared Polis

United States Representative



May 9, 2012

The Honorable Michael Bennet United States Senate 702 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bennet:

Thank you for your letter supporting the Commission's proposal to free more spectrum for broadband by removing regulatory barriers and providing for flexible use of MSS spectrum in the 2 GHz band. I value your views, which will be included in the record of the proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

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May 9, 2012

The Honorable Mike Coffman U.S. House of Representatives 1222 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Coffman:

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The Honorable Diana DeGette U.S. House of Representatives 2335 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman DeGette:

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May 9, 2012

The Honorable Cory Gardner U.S. House of Representatives 213 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Gardner:

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The Honorable Doug Lamborn U.S. House of Representatives 437 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ed Perlmutter U.S. House of Representatives 1221 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Jared Polis U.S. House of Representatives 501 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Scott Tipton
U.S. House of Representatives
218 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Mark Udall United States Senate 317 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

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